

Slave Resistance – What would you do?

Do the quiz, work out your score and in your book describe what kind of slave you would have been using the **'results'** section.

1. If you were kidnapped and taken far from your home. Would you....

- a. Try to escape no matter what the cost?
- b. Wait for help to come?
- c. Make your escape if the opportunity arises?

2. It becomes clear to you that your kidnappers are not going to return you to your home. Do you.....

- a. Resign yourself to your fate?
- b. Make a do or die attempt to escape?
- c. Plan ways of surviving until the chance of escape arises?

3. It also becomes clear that even if you do escape your kidnappers clutches that you will be escaping in to a dangerous foreign land from which you can not return home. Do you...

- a. Escape in spite of the difficulties?
- b. Stay with the kidnappers because they at least feed you?
- c. Stay but cause as much disruption as possible without getting caught?

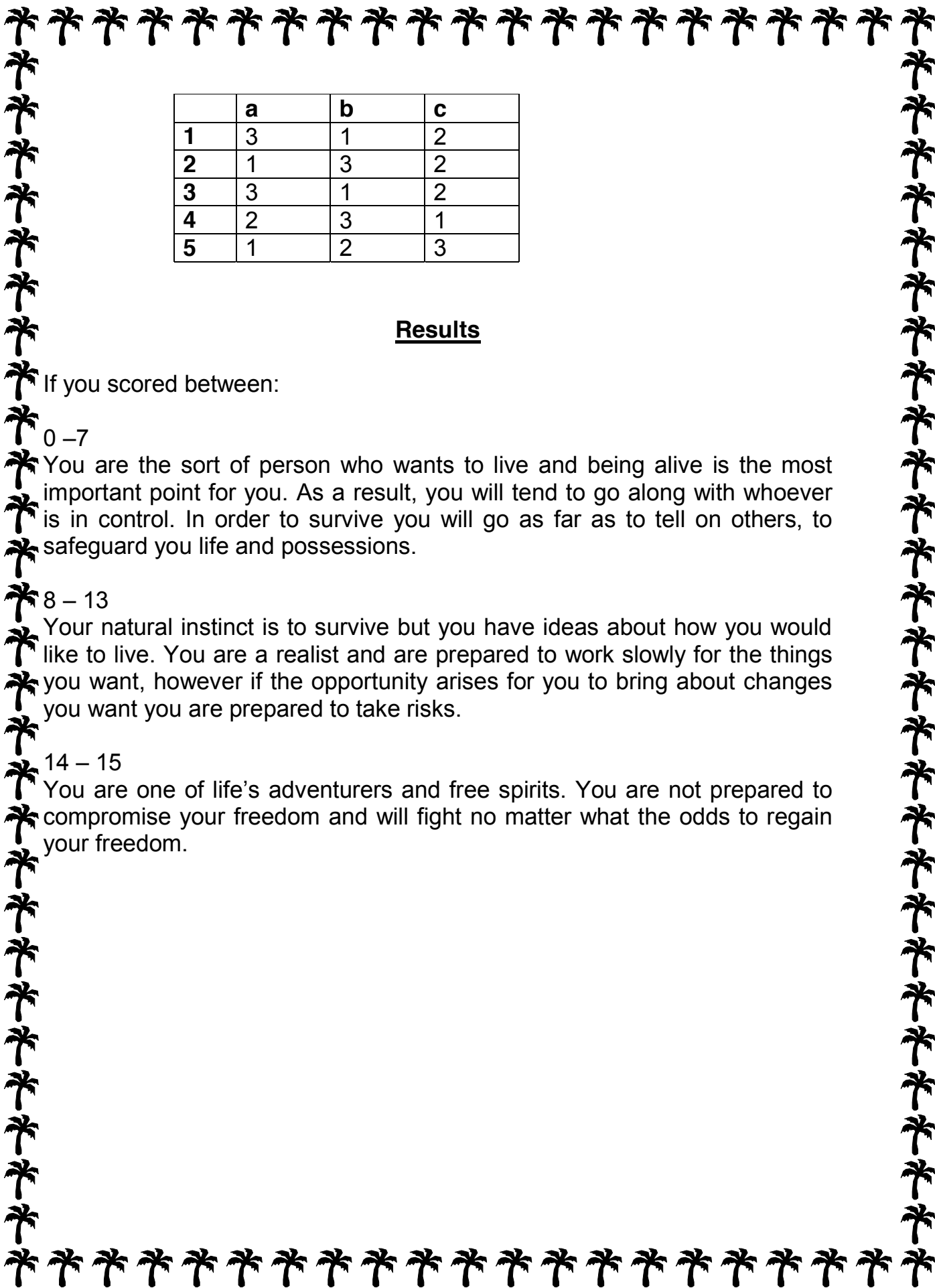
4. You are part of a large group of people who have been kidnapped. Some of your group decides to escape. Do you...

- a. Refuse to join them but wish them luck?
- b. Join them in the attempt?
- c. Tell the kidnappers about the plan so they will favour you more?

5. Most of the kidnapped people are fighting the kidnappers who they outnumber. Do you?

- a. Stay on the kidnappers' side because you know that when they restore order they will punish those who fought?
- b. Keep out of the way and watch to see which side is winning before choosing whom to fight with?
- c. Take up arms against your kidnappers?

Add up your score....PTO



	a	b	c
1	3	1	2
2	1	3	2
3	3	1	2
4	2	3	1
5	1	2	3

Results

If you scored between:

0 – 7

You are the sort of person who wants to live and being alive is the most important point for you. As a result, you will tend to go along with whoever is in control. In order to survive you will go as far as to tell on others, to safeguard your life and possessions.

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Your natural instinct is to survive but you have ideas about how you would like to live. You are a realist and are prepared to work slowly for the things you want, however if the opportunity arises for you to bring about changes you want you are prepared to take risks.

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You are one of life's adventurers and free spirits. You are not prepared to compromise your freedom and will fight no matter what the odds to regain your freedom.

Day to Day Slave Resistance

The enslaved African people did not accept their loss of freedom. This was clearly seen in the many revolts which happened. Some slave revolts were very dramatic but other slaves resisted in less dramatic ways.

1. Copy the table below into your books leaving space to write other things in it.

Different types of slave resistance

Active Resistance	Passive Resistance
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Poisoning the masters2. Arson –setting fire to the slave owner's house3. Running away4. Rebelling and taking weapons to fight the slave owners	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Working slowly2. Injuring plantation animals3. Pretending to be mad.4. Slave women taunting the overseers or slave owners

Read sources A to D. Work out what the form of resistance is and add it to the correct column of the table in your book.

A.. A slave owner warned other owners never to delay the punishment of a slave ***for if you do he will go hang himself to avoid the punishment.***

B Edward Long in 1774 said that slaves react against the overseers ***..by messing up his plans, purposely misunderstanding his orders..until he gets sick of them and resigns from his job.***

C. L Peytraud, 1897 ***It did not take clever medical training to know that glass, pounded very fine and mixed with food could kill as well as poison.***

D. William Hickley ***..These slaves plague my life by faking illness for the purpose of getting out of working.***

Answer these questions in full sentences in your book.

2. What was the difference between passive and active resistance?
3. Which form of resistance do you think was the most common? Explain your answer.
4. List the factors a slave would have to consider before running away, revolting or resisting in any other way.